

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ZOOLOGICAL PARKS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Zoological parks in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the needs of animals kept in these zoological parks are being met properly; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S REGUPATHY)

(a) There are 180 recognized zoological parks in the country. The details on the State wise status of zoological parks is annexed.

(b)&(c) Most zoological parks are managed by the State Governments and other organizations, except the National Zoological Park, New Delhi which is managed by the Central Government. The Central Zoo Authority under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 has prescribed 51 standards and norms for compliance by the zoos that includes meeting the different needs of the animals in the zoos subject to which conditional recognition under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act is granted by the Central Zoo Authority. Central Zoo Authority also provides financial assistance to recognized zoos for betterment of animal upkeep. Central Zoo Authority also carry evaluation of zoos regularly to ensure compliance of all the conditions stipulated while granting recognition.